

Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Oxford Forestry

Program:	Ranking Date:	Application Number:
Ranking Tool: Oxford Forestry	Applicant:	
Final Ranking Score:	Address:	
Planner:	Telephone:	
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1a will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the national priority category.	
1. a. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", do not answer any other national level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Quality Degradation – Will the proposed project improve water quality by: (select all that apply)	
2. a. Implementing the practices in a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. b. Implementing the practices in a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. c. Reducing impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides on land adjoining a designated "impaired water body" (TMDL, 303d listed waterbody, or other State designation)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. d. Reducing the impacts from sediment, nutrients, salinity, or pesticides in a "non-impaired water body"?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
2. e. Implementing practices that improve water quality through animal mortality and carcass management?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Water Conservation – Will the proposed project conserve water by: (select all that apply)	
3. a. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce aquifer overdraft.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. b. Implementing irrigation practices that reduce on-farm water use?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. c. Implementing practices in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. d. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm water use as a result of changing to crops with lower water consumptive use, the rotation of crops, or the modification of cultural operations?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Air Quality - Will the proposed project improve air quality by: (select all that apply)	
4. a. Meeting on-farm regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm emissions of particulate matter (PM2.5, PM10)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Implementing practices that reduce on-farm generated greenhouse gases such as carbon dioxide (CO2), methane (CH4), and nitrous oxide (N2O)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. d. Implementing practices that increase on-farm carbon sequestration?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Soil Health:– Will the proposed project improve soil health by: (select all that apply)	
5. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil "T")?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Increasing organic matter and carbon content, and improving soil tilth and structure?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Wildlife Habitat – Will the proposed project improve wildlife habitat by: (select all that apply)	
6. a. Implementing practices benefitting threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. b. Implementing practices that retain wildlife and plant habitat on land exiting the Conservation	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Reserve Program (CRP) or other set-aside program?	
6. c. Implementing practices benefitting honey bee populations or other pollinators?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
6. d. Implementing land-based practices that improve habitat for aquatic wildlife?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Plant and Animal Communities: Will the proposed project improve plant and animal communities by: (select all that apply)	
7. a. Implementing practices that result in the management control of noxious or invasive plant species on non-cropland?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. b. Implementing practice in an Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPM)?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Energy Conservation– Will the proposed project reduce energy use by: (select all that apply)	
8. a. Reducing on-farm energy consumption?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. b. Implementing practice(s) identified in an approved AgEMP or energy audit, which meet ASABE S612 criteria?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Business Lines – Will the practices to be scheduled in the “EQIP Plan of Operations” result in:	
9. a. Enhancement of existing conservation practice(s) or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is received?	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering “Yes” to the following question. Answering “Yes” to question 1 will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the state priority category.	
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is “Yes”, award 400 points and do not answer any other state level questions. If answer is “No”, proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
If the application is NOT for a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), answer the following questions as applicable:	
2. Will Practice 666-Forest Stand Improvement be included in the contract? 60 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will Practice 647-Early Successional Habitat Development be included in the contract? 30 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Answer only one of 4a, 4b, or 4c:	
4. a. Does the Treatment Location have site index of equal to or great than 65 based on Web Soil Survey or Forestland Productivity report? 50 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. b. Does the Treatment Location have site index equal to 50 and less than 65 based on Web Soil Survey or Forestland Productivity report? 30 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. c. Does the Treatment Location have site index less than 50 based on Web Soil Survey or Forestland Productivity report? Subtract 10 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Will the proposed project assist the producer in promoting diversity of tree age classes on the treated acres? (314-Increase except for Brush Hog scenario-Decrease; 394-Decrease; 391-Increase; 612-Increase; 666-Increase except for Crop/Mast scenario-Maintain and except for Patch Cut scenario-Decrease; 647-Decrease) Answer ONLY ONE of 5a, 5b, or 5c:	
5. a. Increase diversity by one or more distinct age classes. 30 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. Maintain diversity. 20 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. c. Decrease diversity. 10 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Answer as applicable for this application:	
6. Are the land units being offered in the application included in a verifiable third-party forest certification system, such as the American Tree Farm System (ATFS), a Forest Stewardship Council (FSC), or a Sustainable Forestry Initiative (SFI)? 15 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. Will this project contribute to conservation objectives of National or Regional Conservation Initiatives: Partners in Flight and/or Northeast Woodcock Initiative, Gulf of Maine Habitat Restoration Strategy, Atlantic Salmon Recovery, Eastern Brook Trout Joint Venture? 15 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
8. Animals-Fish and Wildlife-T&E Species: Habitat conditions for fish and wildlife species listed, proposed or candidate for listing under ESA, will be improved with contracted practices? 40 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

9. Does the Residual stand within the treated acres retain at least 70 sq. ft./acre BA and average DBH of 6.0 inches? 40 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
10. Soil Erosion-Road or roadside erosion, directly depositing sedimentation into wetlands, intermittent or perennial water bodies will be corrected by contracted practices? 20 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
11. Water Quality-Excessive suspended sediment and turbidity in surface water is not at the QC at the benchmark condition, but will be with proposed action? 20 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
12. Within the Practice footprint, the average stand diameter is less than or equal to 5" and there are at least 2000 trees/acres? (Only Answer Yes for 666, 647, and 314) 30 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
13. Plant Condition- noxious and invasive are preventing regeneration or inhibiting growth as identified in the FMP, but will be controlled to the level needed to restore regeneration or reasonable growth rates (1/4 to 1/2 cord per acre per year) by contracted practices? 20 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
14. Animals-Fish and Wildlife-T&E species: documented declining species, species of concern, and/or STATE ESA Species are identified in the FMP, and their habitat conditions will be improved or maintained by contracted practices? 15 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
15. Water Quality-Shading of water bodies to reduce harmful temperatures of surface water is not at the QC at the benchmark condition, but will due to the proposed action? (Only Answer Yes for Riparian Forest Buffer-391) 15 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
If the application is for development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), the agency will assign significant ranking priority and conservation benefit by answering "Yes" to the following question. Answering "Yes" to question 1 will result in the application being awarded the maximum amount of points that can be earned for the local priority category	
1. Is the program application to support the development of a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP)? If answer is "Yes", award 250 points and do not answer any other local level questions. If answer is "No", proceed with evaluation to address the remaining questions in this section.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
If this application is NOT for a Conservation Activity Plan (CAP), answer the following questions as pertinent:	
2. Will the producer implement a practice that addresses pest and disease management? 35 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
3. Will the producer implement a practice that addresses excessive nutrients, pathogens, or sediment in surface waters? 50 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
4. Will the producer implement a practice to address soil erosion? 30 points.	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
If Forestry, what is the total number of treated acres of forest stand improvement included in the application?	
5. a. More than 19 acres= 100 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. b. More than 11 ac, up to and including 19 ac. = 50 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
5. c. 11 or less ac. = 25 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
Answer the following questions as pertinent:	
6. Has this applicant NOT had a previous NRCS contract, excluding a CAP-only contract? 15 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>
7. If the applicant had a previous NRCS contract, did they complete the contract on time and in full compliance (not terminated for cause)? 20 points	Yes <input type="radio"/> or No <input type="radio"/>

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices
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Ranking Score

Efficiency:
Local Issues:
State Issues:
National Issues:

Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative:	Applicant Signature Not Required on this report for Contract Development unless required by State policy:
Signature Date:	Signature Date: